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Emergency Closure on Touhy Avenue between Wolf Road and Lee Street

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that Touhy Avenue (Illinois 72) is closed in both directions between Wolf Road and Lee Street, in Des Plaines, as a result of the bridge beam collapse at the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (Interstate 90) on Tuesday, April 5. The closure is expected to be in place through Wednesday, April 6.

A posted detour will direct traffic on eastbound Touhy Avenue to go north on Wolf Road, east on Oakton Street and south on Mannheim Road to meet back at Higgins Road (Illinois 72). Westbound traffic on Touhy Avenue will take the reverse route.

Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.